

REMARKS

Prior to this Response, Claims 1-31 were pending in the above-referenced patent application. The Patent Office required a restriction to one of the following inventions: Group I including Claims 1-15, Group II including Claims 16-19, or Group III including Claims 20-31.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant herein elects Claim Group III (Claims 20-31) with traverse.

This provisional election is done with traverse to the extent this restriction requirement might later be shown to be misplaced, and without prejudice to the filing of possible divisional applications directed to the subject matter in the non-elected claims.

CONCLUSION

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For these, and other, reasons, Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration, re-examination, and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

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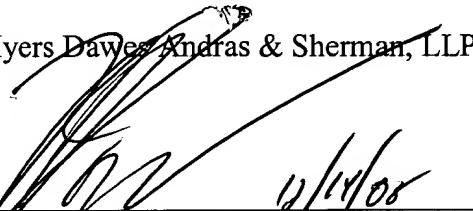
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